Power Private Ltd. (RGPPL) commenced from 30th April, 2006 with test synchronization of first of the two Gas Turbines of Block-II. The steam Turbine was commissioned on 07th May 2006.

(b) There are 3 Power Blocks consisting of 2 Gas Turbines and one Steam Turbine each. Out of this, Power Block-II was first taken up for revival and its first Gas Turbine GT 2A (220 MW approx.) was commissioned by 1st May, '06. This Gas Turbine constitutes nearly 30% of the capacity of the Power Block-II.

(c) to (e) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is the main fuel for generation of electricity by the power plant. However, since completion of the LNG terminal and availability of LNG is not expected before December, 2006, in the interim period, Naphtha/High Speed Diesel (HSD) is being used as fuel based upon the requirement of Maharashtra. Since Maharashtra is facing acute power shortage particularly during peak hours, and RGPPL has some existing stocks of Naphtha / HSD acquired with the asset transfer, these available stocks of Naphtha / HSD have been suitably augmented with fresh purchases to the extent that the pooled price is acceptable to Maharashtra. RGPPL is presently supplying power based on Naphtha to Maharashtra at an agreed interim tariff of Rs. 4.25 per KWH.

The final cost of generation would also depend on the price of LNG, which is sourced by GAIL India Ltd. on best endeavour basis. Moreover, the power tariff would be determined by the appropriate Regulatory Commission.

Funds for power reforms in Jharkhand and Orissa

3117. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand Government has sought Rs. 3000 crores for power reforms in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to extend similar help to the cash strapped tribal dominated Orissa State for carrying out similar reforms in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Financial assistance to States for power sector reforms is being given under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system and for reducing cash loss reduction. No proposal under APDRP has been received from Government of Jharkhand for Rs. 3000 crores for power sector reforms in the State. The Government has sanctioned projects amounting to Rs. 423.65 crores under investment component of APDRP for Jharkhand for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system so far, out of which APDRP component is Rs. 182.85 crores and the Government has already released an amount of Rs. 153.87 crores under this component of programme.

(c) The Government has sanctioned projects amounting to Rs. 592.22 crores under investment component of APDRP for Orissa for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system so far, out of which APDRP component is Rs. 185.07 crores and the Government has already released an amount of Rs. 74.02 crores under this component of programme.

World Bank Assistance for improvement in Power Supply

†3118. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to seek aid from World Bank and any other country for bringing improvement in power supply in the country, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed along with the estimated expenditure thereon?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, Details of such projects under implementation is furnished in the Statement. (*See* below)

A new 400 KV sub-station at Delhi (2x315MVA) is included in the Powergrid System Development Project (PSDP-II), which is scheduled to be commissioned by June, 2006.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.